

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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September 9, 2003

FROM: **Jerry Eaves**, 5th District Supervisor
 Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: **ALLOCATION FROM FY 2003/04 PRIORITY POLICY NEEDS BUDGET**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the following allocations from the County's FY 2003/04 Priority Policy Needs Budget:

1. \$59,597 to County Library for additional costs related to a proposed new Bloomington Branch Library facility.
2. \$5,000 to the Department of Public Works – Transportation Division to contract with the El Rancho Verde Residents for the clean up of road medians in the unincorporated area of North Rialto.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 7, 2000, the voters of California passed Proposition 14, the "Library Bond Act of 2000". This proposition authorized the issuance of \$350 million of state general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing public library construction and renovation. In accordance with this bond act, the County Board of Supervisors (on March 11, 2003) approved an application to the California State Library, Office of Library Construction for funding in the amount of \$1,920,684 to assist with the financing of a new Bloomington Library facility. The proposed project consists of replacing the currently leased 4,000 square foot building with a new 12,607 square foot structure.

The cost of the new Bloomington Library was originally estimated at \$2,954,899 (\$1,920,684 or 65% from Proposition 14 funds and \$1,034,215 or 35% from the County, which was previously approved by the Board). However, it was subsequently determined that Bond Act regulations allow the applicant to increase construction costs by 1/5 percent per month through the estimated mid-point of the project's construction. Increasing the amount of the project for this cost requires an additional County local match of \$59,597. The Fifth Supervisorial District has recognized this project as being worthy of financial support; therefore recommends allocating \$59,597 from the FY 2003/04 Priority Policy Needs Budget to fund the additional local match requirement. This amount would be transferred to County Library only if the State awards Bond Act funds for this project. This allocation would serve the County purpose of providing enhanced educational facilities/services for the public.

In addition to the above project, the Fifth Supervisorial District also desires to assist the El Rancho Verde Residents, which is a Rialto based property owners association (Association). The proposed recommendation is to allocate \$5,000 from the Priority Policy Needs Budget to the Department of Public Works. These funds would be subsequently distributed to the Association for use in landscaping (weeding, planting, trimming) road medians in North Rialto. This allocation of funds would serve the purpose of enhancing public roadways in the County's unincorporated area.

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As part of the FY 2003/04 budget process, the Board of Supervisors established a budget of \$1 million to finance unbudgeted priority policy needs that arise throughout the fiscal year. In establishing this budget, the Board required specific approval of projects identified for funding. Approval of this item would satisfy that requirement for these two (2) projects.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by County Counsel (Rex Hinesley, Chief Deputy County Counsel), County Library (Ed Kieczkowski, County Librarian), Department of Public Works (Ken Miller, Director), and the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on August 26, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This action obligates a total of \$64,597 from the FY 2003/04 Priority Policy Needs budget. Of this amount, \$59,597 will be transferred to County Library (SAP-CLB-CLB) should the County be awarded State Bond Act funds for the Bloomington Library. The remaining \$5,000 will be allocated to the Public Works Department – Transportation Division (SAA-TRA-TRA) for future clean up of road medians in the North Rialto area.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): Fifth

PRESENTER: Supervisor Jerry Eaves, 387-4565.